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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing on behalf of Lindsay Shields. Lindsay has been a student teacher in my fourth and fifth grade classroom for the past five months. She has proven herself to be a committed and talented educator. She is well-informed about education from the minutia of lesson delivery to the broad issues facing educators.

Lindsay's dedication is obvious through the thoughtful way that she prepares lessons, keeping all students' needs in mind. While working in my classroom, she developed units of study that were engaging, allowed multiple entry points and were organized. Her delivery was clear and focused.

Lindsay has developed strong relationships with students. They trust and confide in her. Lindsay accompanied the class on a four day camping trip, and demonstrated both compassion and strong management throughout our trip. In the classroom, Lindsay is able to maintain the individual relationships she has built even while addressing the whole group. She is acutely aware of each child's emotional and academic needs. Her calm and supportive nature allows students to open up to her and take risks.

I highly recommend Lindsay; she will be an asset to your school community. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at 914-388-6420.

Sincerely,

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